

## CLAIMS

### What is claimed is:

- 1 A circuit design method to control access pointers of different memory, which employs  
an (m+n)-bit read control signal circuit and an (m+n)-bit write control signal circuit to  
5 control the access pointers of a memory with  $2^m$ -block, and each block has  $2^n$ -register  
in order to perform buffer access of printers, comprising the following steps:  
retrieving the previous addresses of the read and write pointers;  
receiving a control signal from a data source;  
analyzing the control signal to extract a transfer mode, an access mode, and a  
10 access number;  
determining the control signal circuit (r\_ptr or w\_ptr) according to the transfer  
mode and the access mode;  
transforming the access number to determine a memory block control circuit  
(r\_ptr\_f or w\_ptr\_f) and a register control circuit(r\_ptr\_l or w\_ptr\_l);  
15 setting the access pointers pointing to the corresponding memory addresses of the  
memory block control circuit and the register control circuit; and  
performing the data access of the corresponding memory addresses.
- 2 In accordance with the method in claim 1, wherein the data source is a central  
processing unit.
- 20 3 In accordance with the method in claim 1, wherein the control signal comprises the  
transfer mode, the access mode and the access number.
- 4 In accordance with the method in claim 3, wherein the transfer mode comprises a  
parallel mode and a sequential mode.
- 5 In accordance with the method in claim 3, wherein the access number is a decimal  
25 number.
- 6 In accordance with the method in claim 1, wherein the control signal circuit comprises  
the read control signal circuit and the write control signal circuit.
- 7 In accordance with the method in claim 1, wherein the transformation of the access

number is to transform the number into an  $(m+n)$ -bit binary number.

- 8 In accordance with the method in claim 1, wherein the memory block control circuit is determined by an  $m$ -bit binary number.
- 9 In accordance with the method in claim 1, wherein the register control signal circuit is  
5 determined by an  $n$ -bit binary number.
- 10 In accordance with the method in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the steps to determine the print mode control signal circuit set to perform the buffer access in said parallel mode or said sequential mode according to the access mode in the control signals.